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## PROJECT PROPOSAL

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## SUBJECT

GM on French Somaliland

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## REQUESTER

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## REQUESTING OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Sometime late this spring the voters of French Somaliland will choose either to separate completely from France and establish their own government or to remain under French sovereignty. The possibility of independence for this thinly populated area, whose chief export is water, poses several threats to regional stability. Ethiopia's only rail outlet to the sea is at stake; on the other hand, Ethiopia's interest in the railroad and the port of Djibouti is in conflict with the Somali Republic's desire to extend sovereignty to include all Somali people. French security interests in the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean might suffer if the airfield and port at Djibouti fall into unfriendly hands. Finally, a dispute over French Somaliland might indirectly involve the US and the USSR because of their respective interests in Ethiopia and Somalia.

In view of the upcoming referendum, the impending visit of Haile Selassie to Washington, and a forthcoming NIE, "Implications for the US and the West of Tensions in the Horn of Africa," a GM on French Somaliland would appear to be desirable at this time. The study, which we have discussed briefly with ONE, will outline the physical and cultural aspects of the territory which bear on the current threat including the resource base, the ethnic complexities, the economic implications of independence, and the activities of the neighboring countries and France.

## COORDINATION REQUIRED FROM

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Schedule

20 Jan 67 On ~~Revised~~ Approved For Release 2001/08/14 : CIA-RDP84-00825R000100050002-9  
27 Jan "Some writing may start, etc. much  
6 Feb Contacted CD about maps and layout  
1 Mar Final Text to Rep for Linotype  
6 Mar Linotype text to Cartog  
8 Mar Linotype Text + Maps to Rep  
15 Mar Dissemination

10 Feb 67 - Draft in writing - on schedule

17 Feb Draft being typed; to Dir Rev a Mon

20 Feb Dir Review completed; minor revisions in process.

24 Feb Text in editing; Map in CD

6 Mar. In prep due back Thursday

9 Mar. Dissemination

Can it be checked out  
between noon + 3:00 PM  
to come CD. necessary  
if it is to go on 4:00 PM  
draft of final text.

24-25 Feb

1 Linotype to reproduction

Now 3 Linotype text + Map to CD.

8 Mar Dissemination.

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Anything a typist can read to type  
from, a linotype operator can read also!

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PD should attend the planning meeting  
to help set up the schedule

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As soon as edited & coordinated PD can get  
linotype - (1 1/2 days for 3 panels)